

State of South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division – Fact Sheet

Agency Role.

To provide the state with the leadership and coordination to reduce the loss of life and property during disasters and emergencies, reduce human suffering after such an event takes place, and to protect the state's institutions from all hazards through a comprehensive, risk-based, multi-hazard management program.

Responsibilities.

- Develop and maintain the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.
- Provide and staff the State Emergency Operations Center.
- Provide the 24 hour Warning Point.
- Act as central coordinating agency for the State during disasters/major emergencies.
- Facilitate transition to recovery phase after disasters.
- Lead mitigation efforts for the State.

Capabilities and Abilities.

Provide coordination with other state agencies to provide assets requested by and exceeding the capabilities of local jurisdiction. SCEPD has no assets of its own, but is merely a coordination agency.

Response Scenarios.

SCEPD activates the State Emergency Operations Center whenever an emergency/disaster occurs and the needed response exceeds the capabilities of the local jurisdiction. A Governor's declaration/Executive Order is required to expend state funds for the response effort.